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Title: GRANULAR POLYSACCHARIDE HAVING  
ENHANCED SURFACE CHARGE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, after the title, please add:

**Cross-Reference to Related Application**

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/421,621, filed October 19, 1999, the benefit of the priority of the filing date of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

**In the Claims:**

Please add new Claims 56 and 57 as shown below:

56. (New) A method for forming a polysaccharide particle having a positive surface charge, comprising:

(a) combining a cationic additive and a slurry of a polysaccharide particle in water at about pH 10; and

(b) adjusting the pH to about pH 7.

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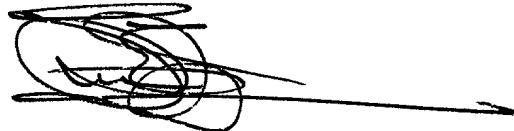
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REMARKS

By this amendment, Claims 1-57 are pending in the application

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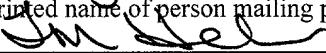
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